



Exit Presentation

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Introduction



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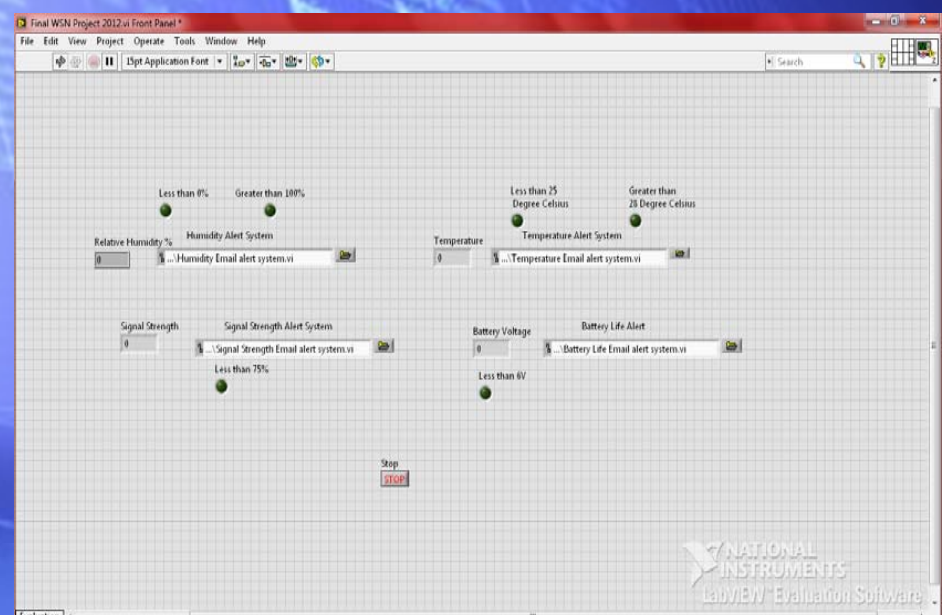
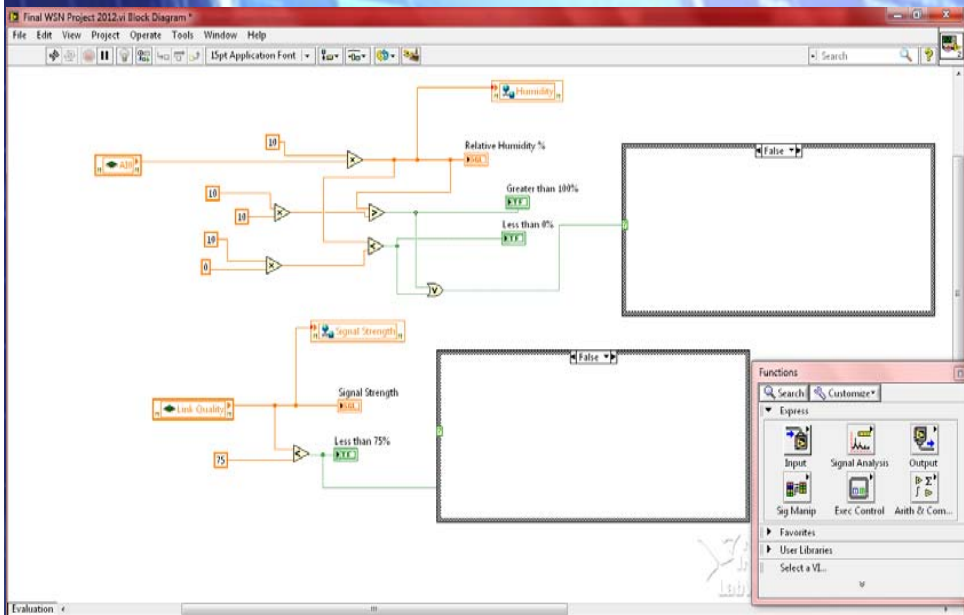
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Research at PVAMU

- Wireless Sensor Network for Smart Irrigation
 - Intro to LabVIEW 2012



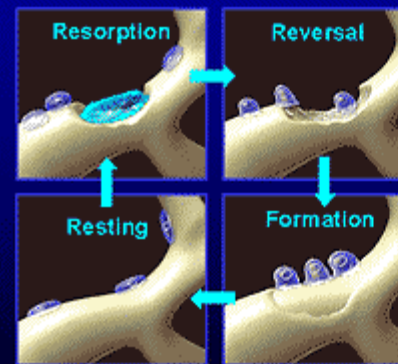
Research at PVAMU - NSTI

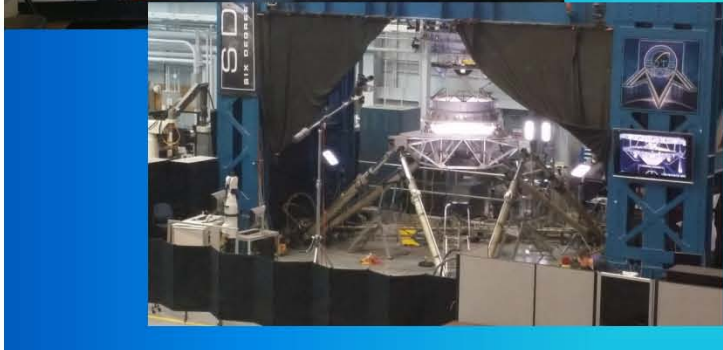
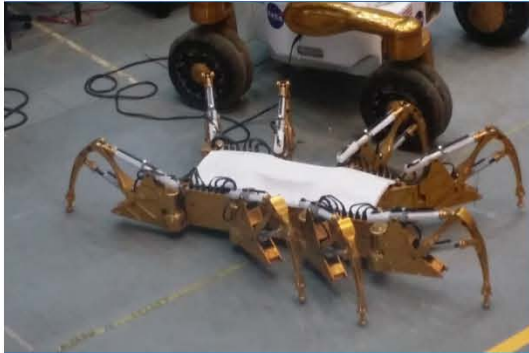
- Development of technologies for elucidation and mitigation of bone loss in microgravity, osteoporosis and inflammatory disease



Mathematical Aspects of Bone Remodeling

Normal Bone Remodeling







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– Research Areas

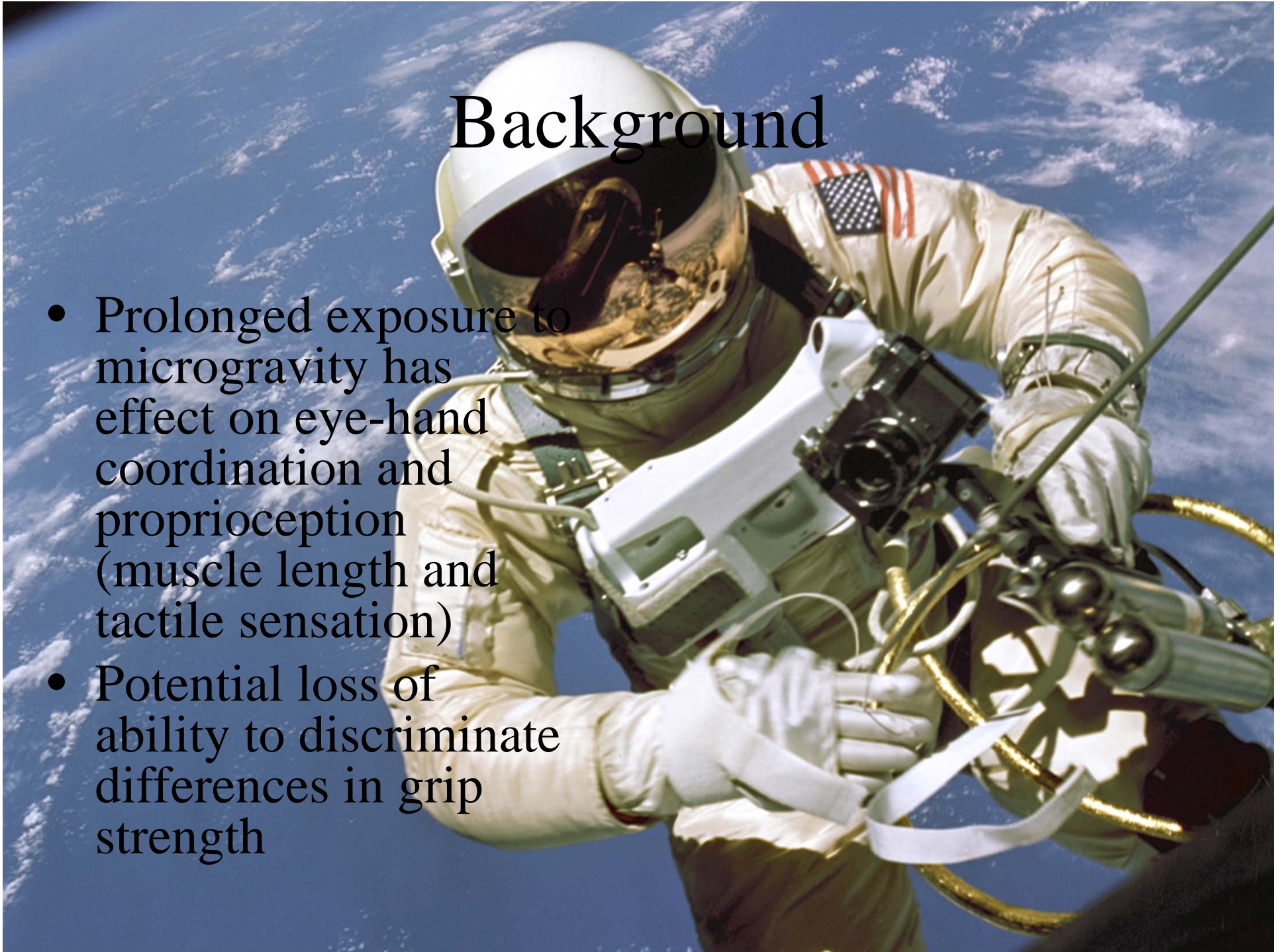
- Motion
- Neuroautonomy
- Off-Vertical Axis Rotator(OVAR)
- Postural Control
- Preflight Adaptation and Virtual Reality Training
- **Sensorimotor**
- Short-Arm Centrifuge
- Visual-Vestibular (Gaze)

Objectives of Internship

- Recovery of Functional Sensorimotor Performance Following Long Duration Space Flight (Field Test)
 - Validate Force Discrimination and Memory protocol for Field Test
- Effects of Fatigue on Force Discrimination
 - Using fatigue protocol to induce changes in ability to discriminate forces and modify muscle memory

Background

- Prolonged exposure to microgravity has effect on eye-hand coordination and proprioception (muscle length and tactile sensation)
- Potential loss of ability to discriminate differences in grip strength



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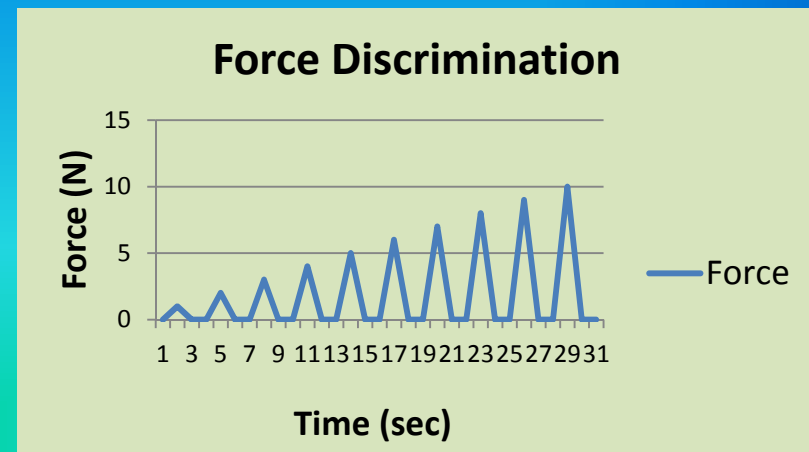


Recruiting Process

- 24 NASA JSC Interns volunteered as test subjects
 - 12 subjects for Force Discrimination and Memory
 - 12 subjects for Effects of Fatigue on Force Discrimination
 - Each subject received a Layman's summary of project background and procedures

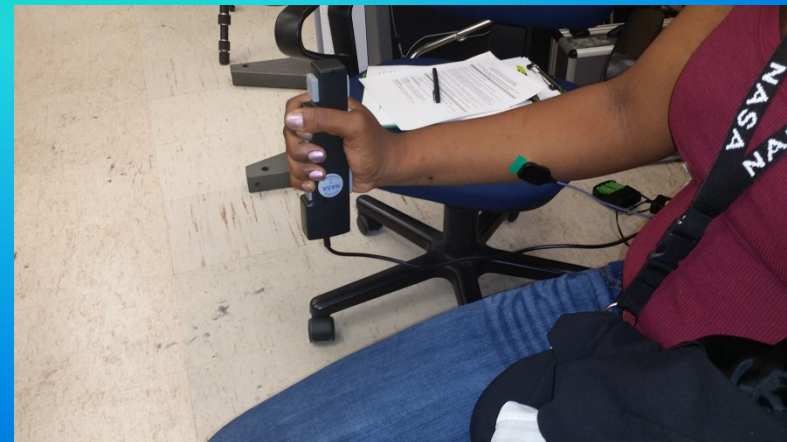
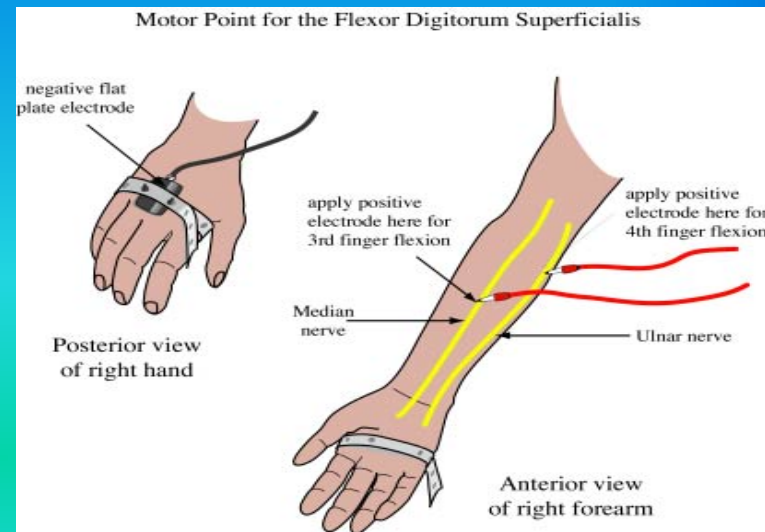
Experimental Protocol

- Force Discrimination and Memory
 - Force discrimination tasks
 - Dominant hand 30% maximal voluntary contractions (MVC) to target
 - 30s contraction eyes open
 - 5 contractions eyes open
 - 5 contractions eyes closed
 - 5 contractions eyes open
 - Non-dominant hand 30% MVC
 - 5 contractions eyes closed

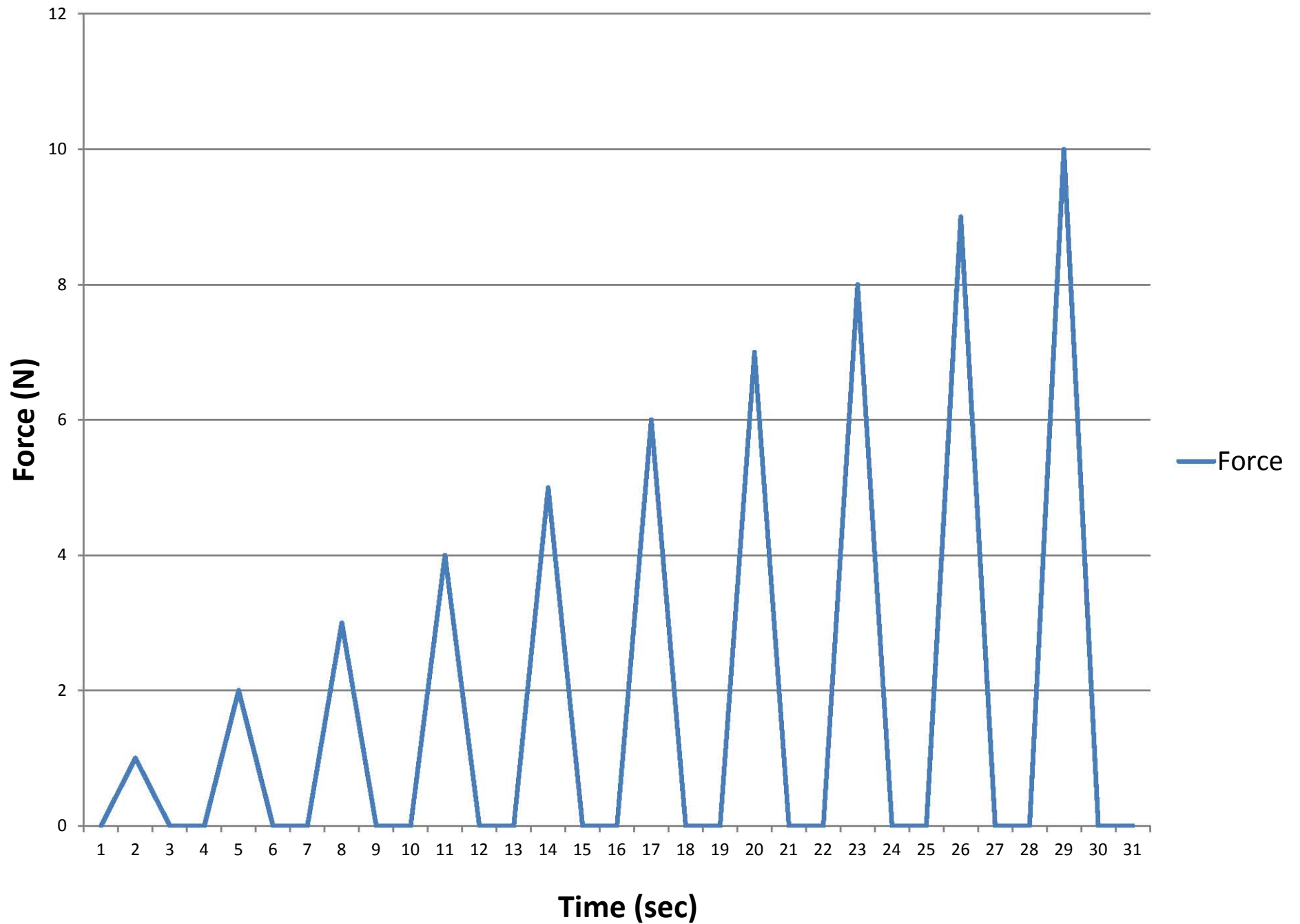


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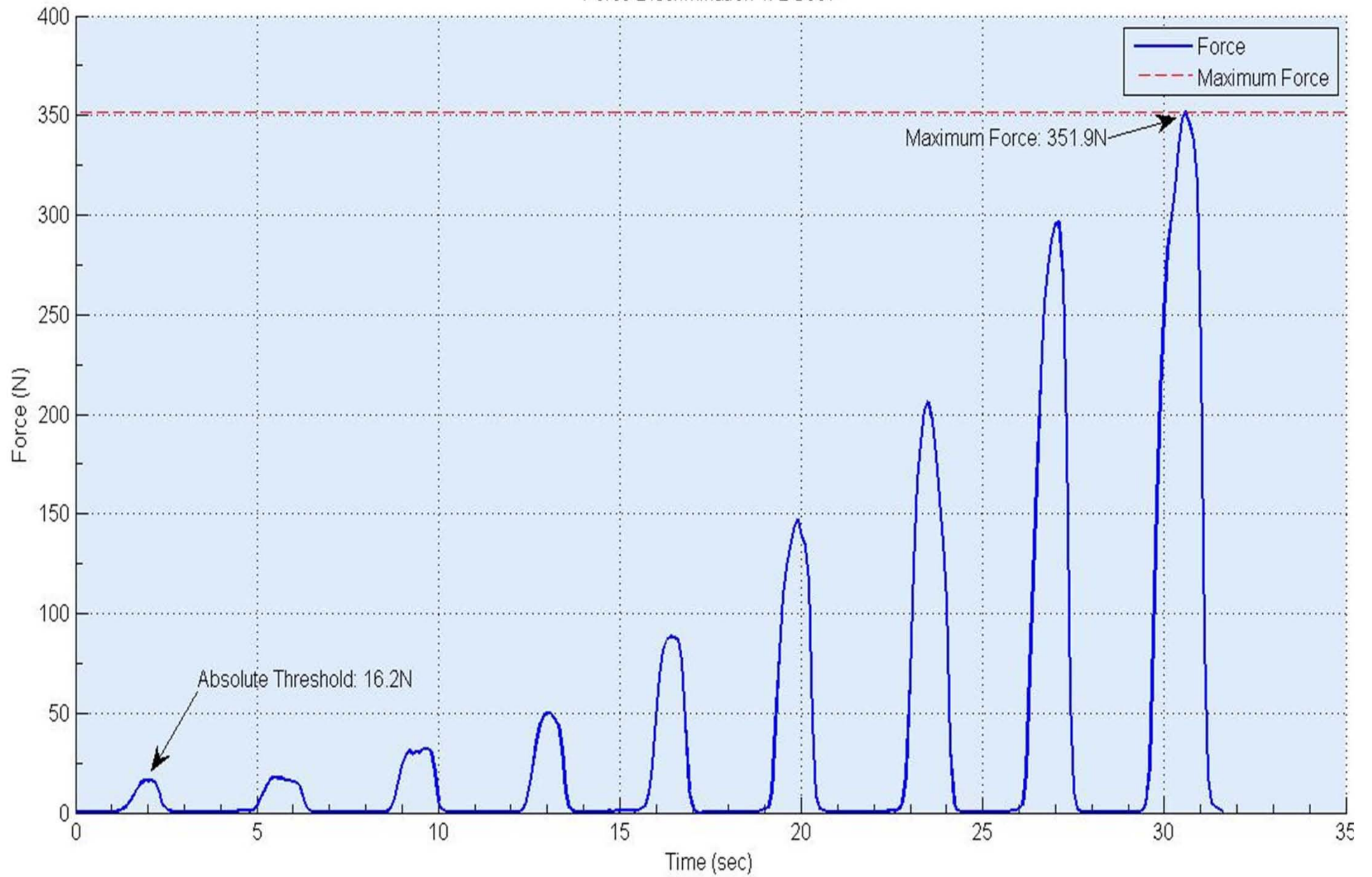
- Effects of Fatigue on Force Discrimination
 - Force discrimination tasks
 - Fatigue task grip for 2s MVC, 2s rest for 30 contractions
 - Force discrimination tasks at 1 min intervals with 5 minutes rest between tasks



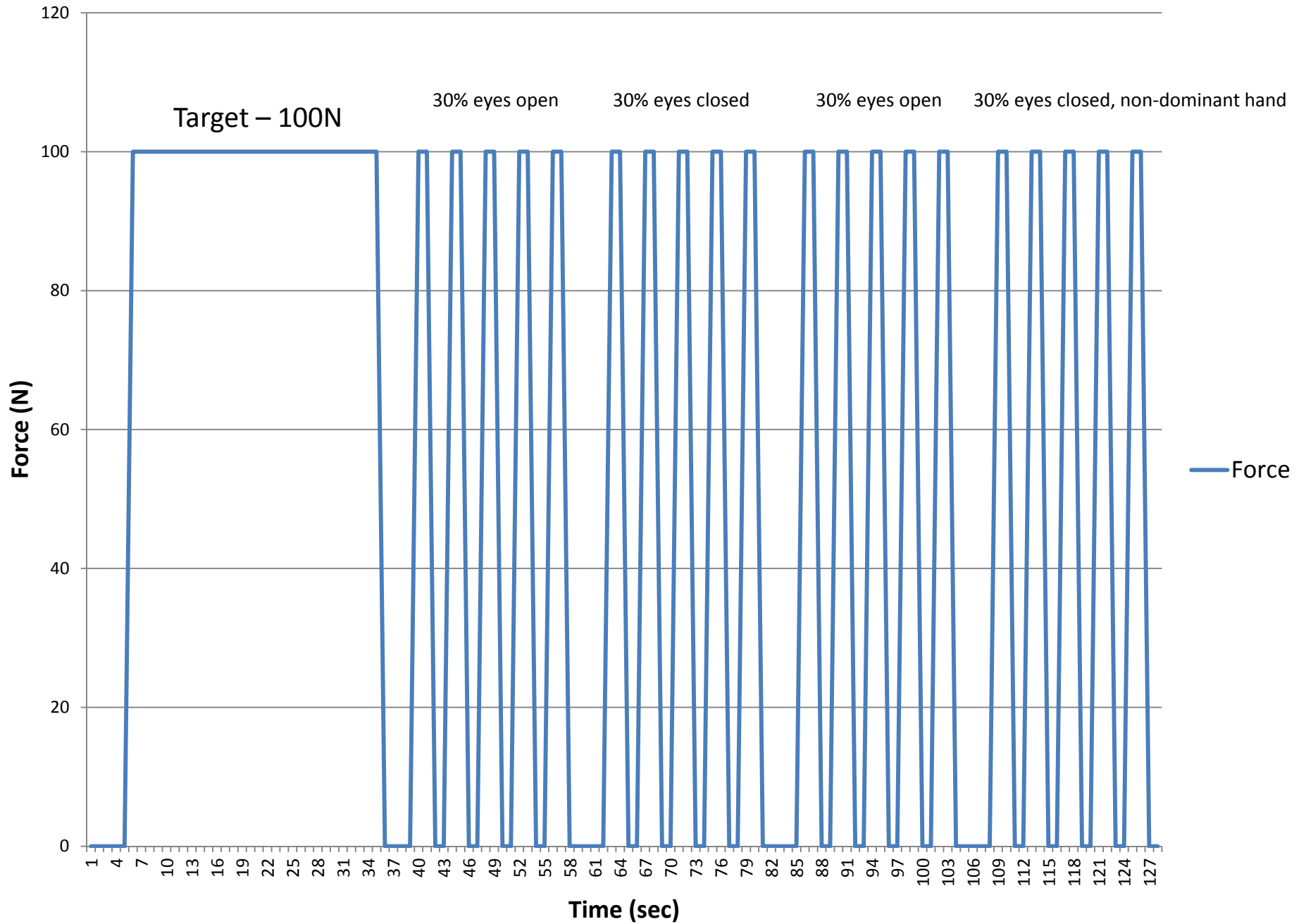
Force Discrimination

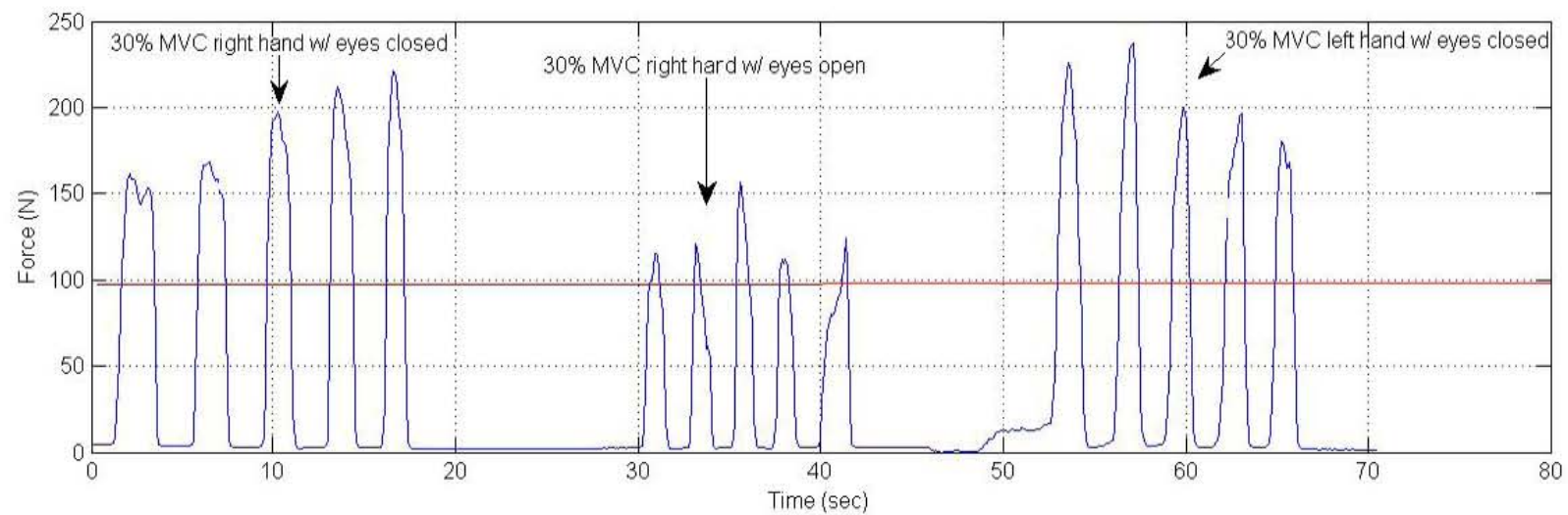
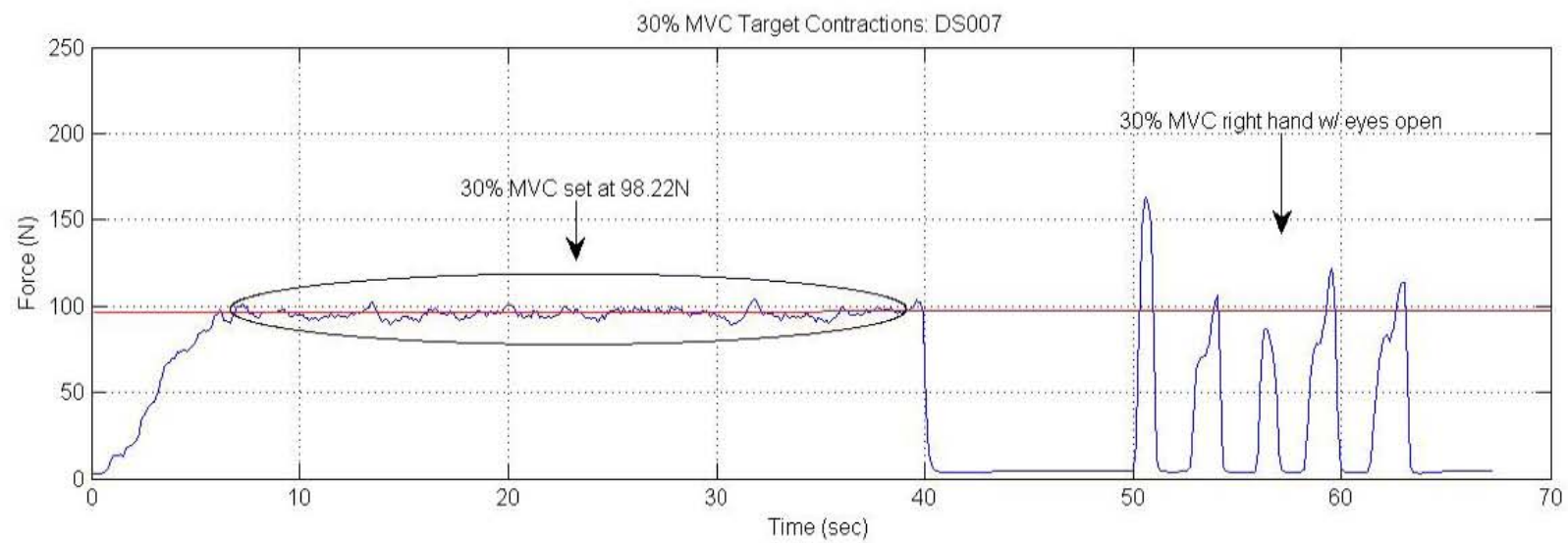


Force Discrimination 1: DS007

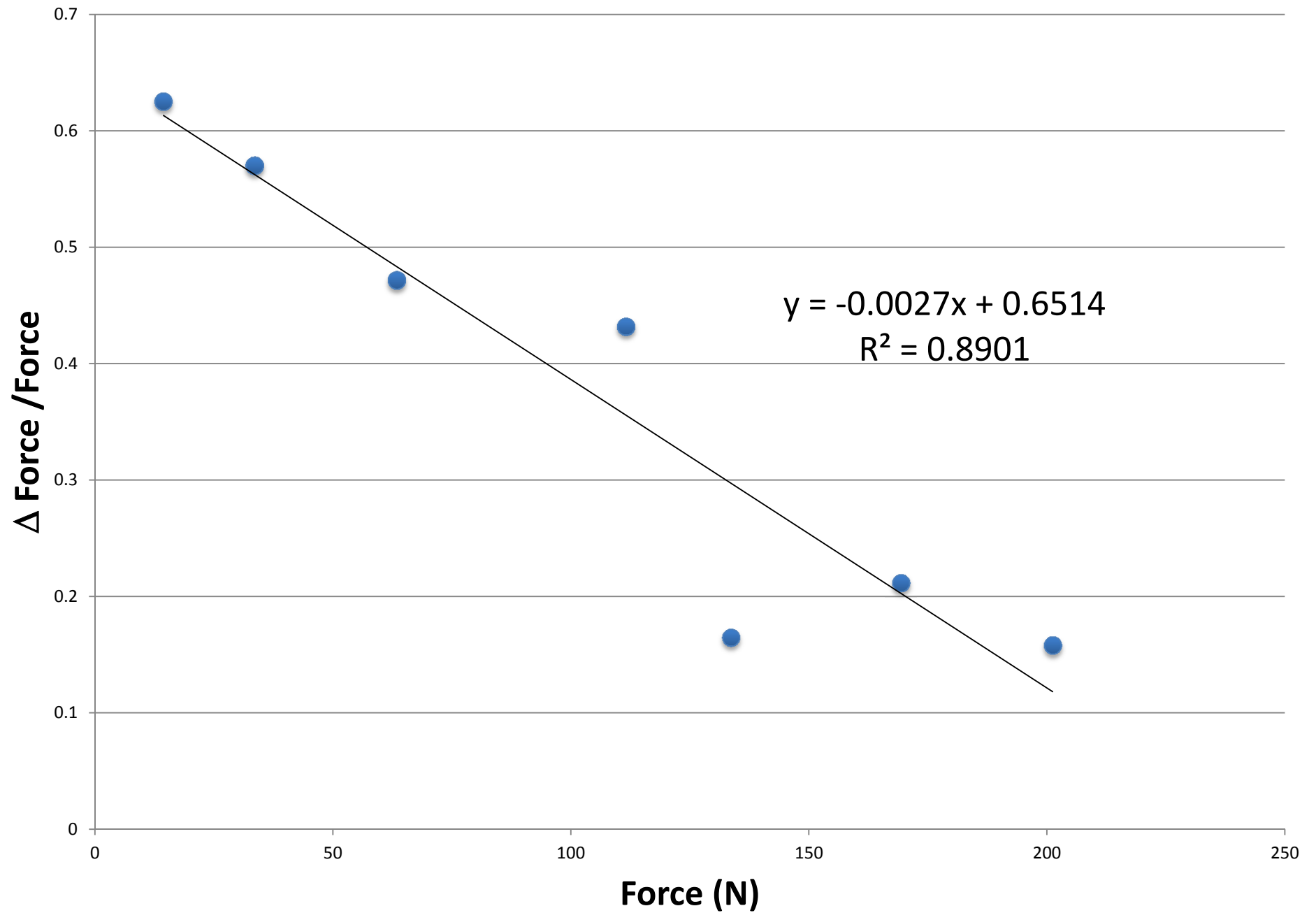


30% Maximal Voluntary Contraction (MVC) - MVC = 333.3N

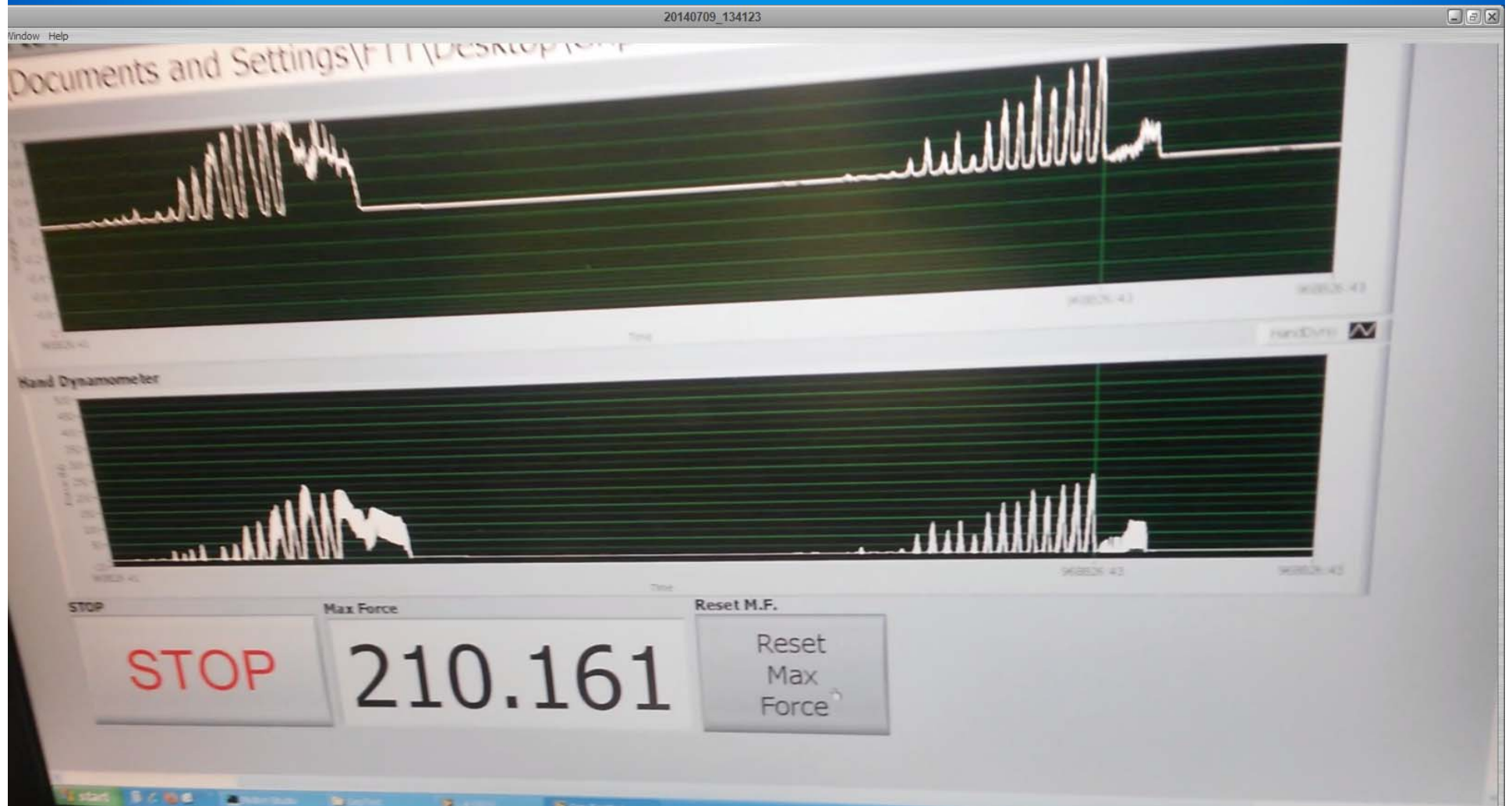




Weber's Ratio - Just Noticeable Difference



EMG Data



Conclusion

Psychophysical technology to determine force discrimination

Fatigue effects force discrimination

Muscle memory depends on vision

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